

Iowa Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Workgroup

12:30-3:30pm, November 17, 2016

Iowa Capitol, Room 102

Welcome & Introductions:

Dale Woolery welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves.

Purpose, Goals & Deliverables:

Steve Lukan reviewed the agenda. You can find these documents and workgroup updates on the website at <https://odcp.iowa.gov/DECworkgroupINFO>

DHS Follow Up Data:

Janee Harvey reviewed the data of what DHS is proposing. Janee Harvey reviewed the five criteria that DHS uses for reassignment from Family Assessment to Child Abuse Assessment pathway, the ability to use confidential access in a family assessment, rate of reassignment from 2014 to 2015 and commitment to work with external partners to review data.

Discussion & Consideration of Proposed Workgroup Recommendations:

The workgroup discussed the DHS CINA code changes, DHS child abuse code changes and code changes to comply with the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)/CAPTA.

The workgroup also reviewed the DEC definition and determined it would not be in Code; but rather be used as a statewide standard definition.

Public Comment:

Cheryl Jones of Iowa Health Specialty Clinic made positive comments about Janee and DHS moving in the right direction.

Chaney Yeast asked questions about policy guidance regarding marijuana concentrates and edibles; the safety risks of huge spikes in accidental ingestion and ER visits.

Janee Harvey shared that DHS has just rolled out Substance abuse training for DHS field staff.

Janee Harvey suggested that she would like to see conversations continue after this workgroup with data being provided by other providers, including CPCs and JCS.

Liz Cox of Prevent Child Abuse Iowa made positive comments and was in full agreement with the DHS recommendations and she fully applauded DHS proposals to modify the DHS mandatory reporter code to become in compliance with the federal mandates of CARA/CAPTA.

Next Steps & Timelines:

The motion was carried to vote by email. The report is due December 15th, 2016.

Other Business:

N/A

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned.